CHAPTER 511

(House Bill 671)

AN ACT concerning

Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Hearings - Penalties

FOR the purpose of increasing the statute of limitations for the prosecution of certain offenses; adding to the grounds of discipline; giving the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists the authority to impose a monetary penalty on licensees or certificate holders; allowing the Board to delegate authority to conduct a disciplinary hearing to a certain number of Board members; prohibiting a stay pending judicial review; allowing the Board to make certain appeals; adding certain injunctive actions; establishing procedures for certain injunctive actions; increasing the penalty provisions certain penalties; and generally relating to the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, hearings, and penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5-106(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5-106(y)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-313 through 17-315, 17-315, and 17-402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-314

Annotated Code of Marvland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-313.1 and 17-315.1